



**CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**City Council**

**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

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**AGENDA DATE:** January 12, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Service

**DIRECTOR:** Chad Weth

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**AGENDA SUMMARY** An Ordinance to amend the Knoxville City Code, Chapter 14, Article II, to establish a Tree Mitigation Bank.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED**

All

**BACKGROUND**

From time to time, a property owner engaged in land development cannot meet the minimum standards for trees and landscaping due to immutable conditions at the site. In order to ensure that all trees contemplated by local ordinance and regulations will be planted and maintained in the City of Knoxville, even where conditions may not allow trees to be planted on a specific site, the Department of Public Service recommends that a Tree Mitigation Bank be established.

A Tree Mitigation Bank will establish an off-site tree crediting program for these limited situations, to be administered by the Urban Forester. The Urban Forester will identify and plant comparable trees. The comparable trees will be planted in the same vicinity or watershed as originally associated with the land development, to the extent possible. The cost of the comparable tree, along with an estimated labor cost for planting and an initial maintenance period will be paid by property owners of eligible, approved developments.

The proposed Ordinance has been reviewed with favorable comment by the City of Knoxville Tree Board.

**OPTIONS**

Approve, deny, or amend the Ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve.

**ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE**

None

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW**

None

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Ordinance for Chapter 14 Article II 14-38(DOC)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED ON FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS] Next: 1/12/2021 6:00 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Andrew Roberto, Second District
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tommy Smith, First District
<b>AYES:</b>	Fugate, McKenzie, Parker, Rider, Roberto, Singh, Smith, Testerman, Thomas